

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q90681

Eiichi KITAZONO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/551,192

Group Art Unit: 1615

Confirmation No.: 3913

Examiner: Caralynne E. Helm

Filed: September 29, 2005

For: COMPOSITE OF SUPPORT MATRIX AND COLLAGEN, AND PROCESS FOR
PRODUCING SUPPORT SUBSTRATE AND COMPOSITE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated May 19, 2009.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group II, drawn to a cylindrical body comprising an aliphatic polyester-based fiber structure, for examination. This election is made without traverse. With respect to the elected claims, Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention to amendments under PCT Article 34 to the claims and description entered during the international phase and filed in the present application (it is noted that the Article 34 Amendment can be seen in the PAIR system on the PTO website and has been considered by the PTO, as can be seen from the indication of 11 total claims on the Official

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Filing Receipt). In this regard, it is noted that among the changes made under Article 34, claim 7 was amended and claim 9 was deleted.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected claims.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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